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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT - TRAVEL TO LIVINGSTONE AND MEETINGS
WITH ANC LEADERS

REF: LUSAKA 0930, STATE 091376

1. STATE REFTEL ADVISING SECRETARY HAD DECIDED NOT TO VISIT
LIVINSTONE CROSSED LUSAKA REFTEL NOTIFYING DEPARTMENT THAT
ZAMBIANS TOOK EXTRAORDINARY STEP AFTER HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS TO
MAKE AVAILABLE BOEING 737 FROM ZAMBIA AIRWAYS FLEET TO
SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY TO MAKE FLIGHT TO LIVINGSTONE.
CALL FROM CHIEF OF PROTOCOL THIS MORNING CONFIRMED THAT 737 BEING
MADE AVAILABLE TO SECRETARY ON COURTESY, GRATIS BASIS AS GUEST OF
ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT. AS ARRANGEMENT ONE NOT EASILY
ARRIVED AT BY ZAMBIANS AND INVOLVES SOME SACRIFICES IN
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ZAMBIA AIRWAYS OWN SCHEDULES BECAUSE OF TIGHTNESS OF THEIR

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EQUIPMENT SITUATION, WE BELIEVE SECRETARY SHOULD
RECONSIDER DECISION WITH VIEW TO REINSTATING LIVINGSTONE TRIP.

2. THIS CONFIRMED TO US IN TELECON THIS MORNING WITH PRESIDENT'S
ADVISOR, MARK CHONA, WHO URGED IN STRONGEST TERMS HOW
IMPORTANT IT WAS TO SECRETARY'S OVERALL APPRECIATION OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT HE "HAVE FEEL" OF RHODESIAN BORDER
PROBLEM. AS CHONA SAID, IT IS "ALL SO RIDICULOUS" THAT ZAMBIA
SHOULD BE HISTORICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY SO CLOSELY LINKED WITH
RHODESIA BUT NOW FACE OBSTACLES ON MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND
GOODS ACROSS COMMON BORDER. CHONA ALSO FELT,AND HE SAID
KAUNDA CONCURRED IN THIS VIEW AS WELL, THAT SECRETARY'S VISIT
TO SITE OF ABORTED VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE TALKS WOULD HAVE STRONG
PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON ALL THOSE PARTIES WHO TOOK PART IN
TALKS, INCLUDING SAG PM VORSTER AND RHODESIAN LEADER IAN
SMITH. I TOLD CHONA I WOULD PASS THESE VIEWS ON TO WASHINGTON
FOR RECONSIDERATION.

3. CHONA ADDED THAT THERE WOULD STILL BE TIME IN LUSAKA FOR
MEETING WITH ANC LEADERS WHICH ZAMBIANS ALSO THOUGHT
IMPORTANT BUT SAID LIVINGSTONE NEED NOT BE SACRIFICED FOR THIS
MEETING. TIME SHOULD BE FOUND FOR BOTH.

4. COMMENT: IDEALLY MUZOREWA AND NKOMO COULD ACCOMPANY
SECRETARY ON HIS CHARTER FLIGHT TO LIVINGSTONE. APPEARANCE OF
TWO RIVAL ANC LEADERS IN SECRETARY'S COMPANY ON BORDER WITH
RHODESIA WOULD HAVE DRAMATIC APPEAL AND WOULD CERTAINLY HELP
SIGNAL TO IAN SMITH SORT OF MESSAGE WHICH WE AND ZAMBIANS WOULD
BOTH LIKE TO GET ACROSS TO WHITE RHODESIAN LEADERSHIP. WHILE
IN LIVINGSTONE TIME WOULD NEED TO BE FOUND FOR SECRETARY TO
MEET WITH BOTH MUZOREWA AND NKOMO SINGLY. MEETINGS WITH
TWO ANC LEADERS WILL CERTAINLY HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED
SEPARATELY GIVEN BITTER RIVALRY BETWEEN THEM AND NKOMO
RELUCTANCE EVEN BE SEEN WITH MUZOREWA (LUSAKA 0756) OR TO
COME TO LUSAKA THIS WEEKEND WHILE MUZOREWA FACTION IS HOLDING
MEETING HERE. IF TRAVEL BY MUZOREWA OR NKOMO TO
LIVINGSTONE PROVES INFEASIBLE, PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH EACH
IN SEQUENCE COULD BE ARRANGED IN SECRETARY'S HOTEL SUITE
FOLLOWING FONMIN APRIL 26 RECEPTION AND/OR PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S
0900 HOURS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON APRIL 27.
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5. PENDING SECRETARY'S REACTION TO THIS CABLE, WE ARE HOLDING
UP ON PREPARATION OF SCENARIO REQUESTED STATE 091808.
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